

NORTHERN VISITOR WRITES

He Tells His Home People What He Thinks of the Palestine Country.

PALESTINE, TEX., June 11, 1904.
HAMP MOORE,
Attica, Indiana.

Dear Sir and Friend:

We had a very fine trip through Arkansas, but nothing of interest until we got to Atlanta, Texas. There to our surprise we found the streets filled with teams and wagons, so we went out to see what was the occasion. To our astonishment we found that the wagons were all loaded with very fine large Irish potatoes, and that they were all waiting for their turn to un-

We found that they had shipped fifteen car loads from that little place in one day, and the farmers were getting one dollar and fifty cents a bushel. I came to the conclusion at that time that they would not starve to death in this part of the state. Some farmers will get more or have more money in their small farms than the largest farmer will have in his large farm. They had and put in the second year and do the same thing. Then he has his corn and another harvest. I saw one had cleared over thirteen dollars net on forty acres of

like for you to tell some of about this and you can just as far as making money by concerned, that our people are insignificant to what I and you can see by coming here. It will pay any of you to trip, for beside what you will get so much fine fruit that one man who had one that had forty bushels of it this year. I have lived best fruits all the time since I came here. They have roasted as fine corn as you would where. We will bring back pictures taken when we were in the corn, which was much an our heads. In fact there is abundance of every kind of fruit here and many more kinds have ever seen before. I have had you some nice peaches which I want you to give to our friends. I sorry you did not come with me. Sen and Bartholomew have done more than they promised, and have

and as we have our own way in talking to the farmers. I have found several Indiana people, some of whom I have known. I also met one of the prominent railway officials by the name of Noble. I will write you more after leaving this country, but I don't hesitate to say that this country beats any that I have ever seen for climate and crops. The weather is fine and the sun hot but we go without a top rig part of the time. The nights are cool and we slept under cover. I almost forgot to tell you of Frank Mathews of Peru, Indiana, who lives here. I was on his farm of forty acres that was in the brush three years ago. He received \$3000 for his crop of peaches this year. He knows Charley Lamb and many others of Attica.

Yours truly,
FRANK ROTHROCK.

A Wonderful Donkey.

Charley Heidbrink owns a wonderful donkey of the Mexican burro variety. This donkey is known to most of the children and some of the grown ups as the one that draws the popcorn outfit over town. A few days ago his owner took some old strong tobacco and from it steeped some tea to sprinkle on tomato vines to kill the bugs. Heidbrink says he made a big pot of the stuff, and that it was amber colored, and smelled so strong it almost made him sick. He set the vessel in the yard; the donkey came along, and suddenly decided it was some delicious set out for him, for he drank it. But the sequel to this story is that the donkey was not phased, and did not miss a meal. He seemed to like it, for ever since he fishes out every snipe he can reach in the gutters about the street.

County Fair.

From Friday's Daily.

Editor H. G. Edwards of the Troupe Banner was in Palestine yesterday conferring with the I. & G. N. relative to rates to a horticultural and agricultural fair to be held at Arp, Smith county, beginning July 7. Very favorable rates were granted, and the success of the affair is now assured. The fair will be given jointly by Troupe, Omen and Arp.

Your Piano

Will be moved on an automatic, safe rack, and will be guaranteed from damage, by John Ormand, for the small price of \$2.50. No other truck in town like it.

FIERCE FIRE AT THE FAIR

Hoo Hoo Building Completely Destroyed—Texas Building Barely Escaped

St. Louis, Mo., June 24.—A fire which threatened for a time to destroy many buildings at the World's Fair today consumed the house of the Hoo-Hoo, rendering the building and all its contents a total loss.

So quickly did the flames spread after the fire started that the occupants of the building, five in number, all on the second floor, had difficulty in escaping with their lives, being compelled to climb down a tree to the ground.

The loss on the building and contents is estimated at \$50,000, on which there was insurance of \$30,000. In addition to this there is a loss of \$8,000 to the Union Baking company, which has the catering concessions in the building.

Nothing is known positively as to the origin of the fire, which is supposed to have started from an electric light wire insulation, which had become worn.

The alarm was answered by the entire fire department and by eight engine companies and two ladder trucks of the city department, also by Hale's fire fighters.

Quick runs were made by all of the companies, but the rapid spread of the flames rendered all attempts to extinguish the fire valueless, and all efforts were directed toward saving the Texas, German, Oregon and the Mine and Metallurgy buildings, all of which were threatened with destruction on account of the flying shingles.

All were saved without loss or damage.

Personal Notes.

From Saturday's Daily.

Mayor Bowers has been in St. Louis for several days.

Hon. J. F. O'Neil came in from San Antonio this morning.

W. T. Graham returned home from the north this morning.

M. A. Davey will return home tomorrow from St. Louis.

Sam Smith of Colorado is visiting here at his former home.

Ollie McReynolds came home from San Antonio this morning.

D. F. Arledge and wife of Crockett are registered at the Davis.

Capt. Jack Word returned to the city today, via the 11:10 train.

Wood Starr and F. G. Edmiston of Crockett visited the oil field this morning.

Corn and cotton are reported humping themselves now since the fine rains.

Misses Anna Mae and Lila Belle Roquemore have gone to San Antonio for a week's visit.

Dave Colley of Galveston arrived in the city this afternoon, to visit his brother, Dr. Colley.

Chief Clerk R. E. Lee of the passenger department left this afternoon for St. Louis to visit the fair.

Jailer Ritchie came home last night from Abilene, where he accompanied a patient to the epileptic home.

Mrs. F. P. Richardson and son, Frank, of Athens are visiting Mrs. C. A. Hawk on Perry street.

Mrs. J. H. Ferguson and children of Palestine came in today to visit the family of J. L. Alexander.—Jacksonville Banner.

John Haynes has leased a laundry at Rosebud, in Falls county, and will make that place his home. The Herald wishes him success.

Lucius Gooch, cashier of the First National bank, went to San Antonio last night, to accompany home his daughter, Miss Mattie Gooch.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Garrison, recently married in this city, accompanied Mrs. Harry Jones to Halville yesterday, and will be her guests for a few days.

D. C. Malloy went down to Elkhart this afternoon with Mr. N. F. Day of Houston as his guest. Mr. Day represents the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York.

The Herald acknowledges receipt of an invitation to attend the picnic at Crystal Lake on the 25th inst. Arrangements are being made to make the affair a big social success, and no doubt it will be.

O. C. Funderburk returned from Austin this morning, where he attended the law department of the State University. He appeared before the examining board yesterday, and he thinks he passed a successful examination, though the board will not make its report for a few days.

Last night the following Crockett gentlemen came up from that city and spent the night at the Metropolitan hotel, proceeding north this morning: Jim Brown, N. S. Welborn, G. M. Waller, Joe Adams, H. J. Phillips, T. R. Dupree, G. A. Berry, Bob Spence, E. B. Stokes and John LeGory.

TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES

Four Representative Farmers of Brazos County Go to the Fruit Lands.

The I. & G. N. railway people want to see Brazos county get in the line of prosperity. They know it is suited to fruit and truck growing, and they are tired of waiting for us to start. For this reason they have sent to four representative farmers of the county free transportation to Tyler and return, and invited them to spend several days there studying fruit and truck growing in the season when the results are being manifested—while the crops are being marketed. The parties selected are J. H. White, Tom Hall, A. D. Locke and Robt. Buchanan. These gentlemen left yesterday on their important mission, and the Eagle feels that no more important event ever occurred for the material interests of the county. These gentlemen will return and be able to say that they have seen face-to-face what is being done, and what we can do. The I. & G. N. railway management deserve the heartiest thanks for this enterprising act.—Bryan Eagle.

In keeping with the spirit of the above the Herald would like to see the I. & G. N. run a train load of Anderson county people up to some of the big shipping points some day, and let them get the fever. Next year will see us in the class of big shippers, but an object lesson would be good inspiration any way.

Married.

From Thursday's Daily.

At the residence of Rev. Gus Garrison on Howard avenue, Mr. Walker Garrison of Musgrove, Texas, to Miss Minnie Cowan of Mineola; Rev. Garrison officiating.

The groom is a son of Rev. Garrison, and the bride was one of Mineola's cherished daughters. They are spending a few days with Rev. and Mrs. Garrison before going to their home.

At the Christian church parsonage last evening, at 8 o'clock, Mr. Arthur Noble of this city to Miss Bertha Schnoor of Houston; Rev. L. D. Anderson, pastor, officiating.

Miss Schnoor made Palestine her home up to a few years ago when she was well known to a host.

Mr. Noble is a trusted employee of the I. & G. N., working in the boiler shops, and has hundreds of friends who wish for the young couple lives of unalloyed happiness.

Married, at Galveston, Texas, on Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. Sol Bromberg, Mr. Hyman Harrison of Palestine, to Miss Sarah Bromberg of Crockett. The happy couple passed through the city this afternoon on the World's Fair flyer for St. Louis, Boston, New York and other points.

Mr. Harrison is a member of the commission firm of Lewenthal & Harrison of this city.

A number of friends met the happy couple at the train to offer congratulations.

At Swanson's Hill.

From Saturday's Daily.

The county candidates met hundreds of people yesterday at Swanson's Hill, four miles out on the Boston road, and a big day was enjoyed. The candidates all made big talks, and a fine dinner was served by the people of the community.

Next Tuesday the candidates will be entertained at Tucker, and we understand that a special train will be run out to accommodate all who want to attend.

Wednesday Elkhart will hear the candidates.

The campaign so far is good natured, and the candidates are all hopeful.

Truck Shipments.

From Saturday's Daily.

Today one car of potatoes and one car of tomatoes are being loaded, and will go out with the evening train.

Next week peaches and cantaloupes will begin to move, and things promise to be lively. It is estimated at least thirty cars of cantaloupes will be shipped. It is difficult to estimate the number of cars of peaches, on account of a number of new orchards coming in.

Miners Donate.

Butte, Mont., June 24.—It has been decided by the Butte Miners' Union to donate \$25,000 to the Colorado miners to assist them in pressing the legal test to be made on the Colorado supreme court decision upholding military government, in suspending habeas corpus and allowing President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners to remain in jail without a charge having been placed against him.

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running, as the strikers have left enough men in the shop to look after the engine repairs.—Marshall Messenger.

Dissolution Notice.

The firm of Withers & Co., doing a grocery business at the corner of Murchison and Deekard streets, is hereby dissolved by mutual consent, Chas. Withers retiring from the firm. H. T. Cleveland assumes all outstanding obligations of the old firm, and will collect all accounts of same. The business will continue under the name of H. T. Cleveland.

H. T. CLEVELAND,
CHAS. WITHERS.

Palestine, Texas, June 25, 1904.

Seedless Watermelon.

Answering Mr. J. B. Gay's query about seedless watermelons, I advise him to cover the runners with soil about one foot or any distance from the root, leaving a piece exposed between the root and the place covered. In a few days there will come roots at the covered place, then cut the vine between this and the old root and all melons on the cutting will be seedless.

G. E. FUSSELL, Norse, Texas.

(Farm and Ranch has frequently heard of this theory, but has thus far failed to see a seedless watermelon produced).—Farm and Ranch.

Clarendon Waterspout

Clarendon, Texas, June 24.—A rain amounting to a waterspout fell here at 7 o'clock this evening, accompanied by heavy wind and hail. People living in the lower part of town had their houses flooded and were compelled to wade waist deep in water to get to a place of safety.

The water was from one to three feet deep in the main streets of Clarendon. The six-room house of N. S. Ray was carried half a block. No injury to life has been reported. Gardens were ruined by the hail and much damage done to fruit and crops. The rain only covered a small territory.

Fine Grade of Oil.

Waco, Texas, June 24.—Oil experts from Corsicana, Beaumont, Henrietta and Waco have just returned from South Bosque and report that the oil found there is far better than any yet found in Texas.

Mr. Reichard of the Standard Oil company of Beaumont thinks the oil hardly surpassed in the Southwest. There is only one well as yet, but the excitement is increasing rapidly.

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